March 14, 2016 Joint Committee on Judiciary Legislative Office Building, Room 2500 Hartford, CT 06106

<u>Testimony in SUPPORT for H.B. 5597 (An Act Protecting Domestic Violence Victims Seeking Restraining Orders.)</u>

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I wish to express my SUPPORT for H.B. No. 5597 (An Act Protecting Domestic Violence Victims Seeking Restraining Orders).

This proposed legislation would inform the applicant of the option to state whether they believe that a family or household member poses a risk of imminent personal injury to the applicant. This in turn would initiate an investigation using the 'Risk Warrants' under (CGS 29-38c), a tool already available to law enforcement.

Sincerely,

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